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In re Application of :  
Angus O. Dougherty, et al. :  
Application No. 09/605,696 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: June 28, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 020366-075910US :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 18, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, April 4, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 5, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

In view of the above, the petition is **GRANTED**.


It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being

mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center,

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2416 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received March 18, 2009.

  
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